

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 472

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Josie Scarlett Holland,
2007 Valedictorian of Henry County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Josie Holland is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Henry County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Holland has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Josie has earned an exemplary grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as a valued member of the Beta Club, Student Council, Marching Band, Jazz Band, French Club, Padaea Society, History Club, National Honors Society, Thespians, Speech Team, and the National Forensics League; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous honors and accolades; she won first place in French Recitation at the Regional Foreign Language Competition, was chosen by her peers as Most Studious in 2003, 2004, and in 2007, and Most Likely to Succeed in 2003 and 2004; she placed first in the French Film Competition in 2006, placed second, third, and fourth as a member of her school's Speech Team in three separate competitions, has been selected as a member of the All-West Red Band, the All-West Orchestra, the All-State Orchestra, and received an invitation to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Honor Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Josie Holland is an active and enthusiastic participant in many extracurricular activities, including serving as Principle Chair of the Jackson Youth Symphony, Principle Viola and Concert Mistress of the Paris Henry County Youth Orchestra, Head of Paris Henry County Strings Ensemble, Krider Performing Arts Center Pit Performer, creator and editor of Paris Henry County Pet Rescue website, and she has also served as a private music teacher and has held a Plus Endowment teaching position; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holland's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Josie's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Josie Holland's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Josie Scarlett Holland, 2007 Henry County High School Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.